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**Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)**

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Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

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application of pending prior International Application No. PCT/US99/17344, filed on July 30, 1999 which is a continuation-in-part and which claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/127,774, filed July 31, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,152, issued August 15, 2000, all of which are assigned to the assignee of the present application.

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Title: ARTICLES THAT INCLUDE A POLYMER FOAM AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application, with a new set of claims.
4. ☐ Enclosed is a new specification.
5. ☒ Enclosed are 13 sheet(s) of drawings.
6. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 This is a continuation of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
8. ☐ Please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_.
9. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
10. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

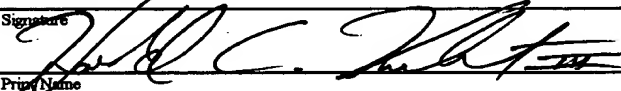
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☐ from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.  
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13. ☐ A power of attorney is enclosed.
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15. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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